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### **REMARKS**

The presently submitted reference, i.e., Cite No. F1 listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" on Form PTO/SB/08, is not in English. This reference was cited in a communication, **issued August 4, 2006**, from the Chinese Patent Office in a counterpart Chinese application.

### **Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation** **Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)**

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Chinese-language reference, Cite No. F1, an English translation of the Chinese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith.

Furthermore, a page from the "esp@cenet" database, containing an abstract in English of, together with patent-family member information corresponding to, Cite No. F1 was made available to Applicants and is attached to the back of the reference.

It is noted that Applicants' IDS of March 3, 2004 includes Cite No. 6, U.S. Pat. No. 6,419,007 to Ogawara et al. This U.S. patent is listed as a patent-family member on the abstract-containing esp@cenet page. The Ogawara et al. patent has been considered by the examiner, in that it was cited in rejecting claims 3-9, and 11 and 12 in the latest Office action, and in rejecting claims 3-12 in the first Office action, on the merits in the present application.

**STATEMENT AS STIPULATED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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